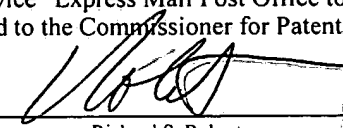


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- ☒ 10 sheets of drawings.
- ☒ An assignment recordation cover sheet and an assignment of the invention to The Toro Company
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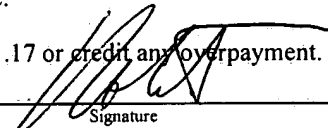
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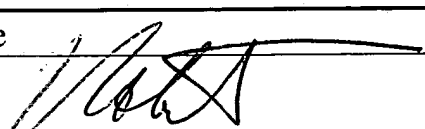
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